

## REMARKS

In the Office Action, the Examiner claims 1-24 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph.

Applicants have amended claims 1-24. Claims 1-24 are pending in the patent application.

In rejecting claims 1-24 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, the Examiner requested that Applicants clarify "what is intended by 'each of which' and is 'which'" in claims 1 and 10. Although Applicants respectfully disagree the Examiner's requirement for clarification, Applicants have amended claims 1 and 10 by deleting "each of which" and inserting therefore "each of said plurality of wedge-shaped areas." Applicants have made further claim changes of a grammatical nature and to assure proper antecedent basis. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to reconsider and withdraw the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph.

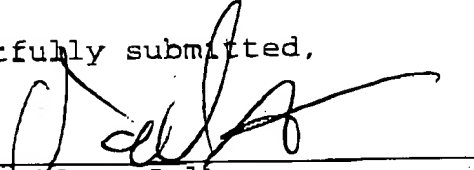
In light of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully submit that the present case is in condition for allowance. A timely issuance of a notice of allowance is earnestly requested.

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C.F.R. § 1.136 not accounted for above, such an extension is requested and the fee should also be charged to our Deposit Account.

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